

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 6, 2015**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller  
Darrell Pollesch  
Lisa Derr  
Larry Bischoff  
Larry Schraufnagel

**Also Present:** Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Brian Pfitzinger, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Sgt Dennis Walston, Dodge County Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Janet Wimmer, Director, Human Services Department; Jay Westhuis, Adeyta Axelson, Grace Park & Leslie Steinmetz, all from TAD program; Steve Frensz, Intrado representative; Ernest Borchardt; Teri Pederson, Daily Citizen; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of January 2, 2015; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**Communications:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Jay Westhuis introduced 3 new staff members for the TAD program and Alcohol Court Staff. – Adayta Axelson, Grace Park and Leslie Steinmetz – to the committee. Each gave a brief history of their experience.

Judge Storck explained the request to transfer funds between business units for the Courts. The cost of psychiatric exams were substantially higher than last year, with the number of contested mental commitments more than doubling the previous year. The Farm Drainage Board also met more times than were budgeted for. Both these line items require the fund transfer. Extra funds were available from the Guardian ad Litem account because those collections were up over the budgeted amount. There are also funds available from the Register in Probate account because insurance was not requested. The Family Court Counseling budget also had funds available because of unpaid leave in 2014. Pollesch moved to approve the transfer of funds between business units with a second by Derr. No further

discussion. Motion carried. This matter would then be going before the Finance Committee next week.

A Security Committee meeting will be taking place after this meeting, and the parties will be going through a list of suggestions in order to prioritize those suggestions.

Judge Storck informed the Committee of the effects of the Governor's budget on the County. The allocation for additional funds for the District Attorneys in the State did not happen, nor did the funds for mandatory efilng. He explained further line items regarding court reporters and fees for court interpreters. Judge Storck explained the current plan for the money to go directly to the Director of State Courts for any cuts to be made through that department.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** Lynn Hron passed out a copy of a Memo that she will be giving to the Finance Committee and explained that although there is a deficit, she is expecting additional funds to reduce that deficit.

She advised that clerk of courts office staff from other counties will be visiting her office to see how we are processing cases with efilng and paperless protocol. Chair Miller reported that in her meeting with WCA Steering Committee, the concern regarding efilng and going paperless was the funding. Lynn advised that CCAP provided one bulk scanner and 3 desktop scanners. Her office purchased desktop scanners for the rest of her staff.

**Child Support Report:** No report.

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg also reported on the Governor's proposed budget and the effect it would have on his office. He thanked the LE Committee and Dodge County Board for their support. He is concerned about losing good assistant district attorneys if there is not a pay progression in place, because this is important in order to keep staff. The current budget plan also does not authorize any new positions. This is in contrast to the State Public Defenders' Office whose budget is significantly higher. Most of his staff work a significant amount of hours more than their contractual amount, as all of the attorneys put in more than 50 hours per week. DA Klomberg had hoped to put a prosecutor into the treatment courts. He does not want to run the risk of losing his experienced assistants.

DA Klomberg informed the Committee of a possible crisis because of a possible retirement. A new assistant DA would not be able to be hired until after any banked hours or sabbatical time would be used, so he could be short-staffed for up to 6 months.

There is also a deficit in special prosecutor funds and DA Klomberg explained how this currently works.

Kurt is on the Board of the WDA and their first priority is pay progression. However the budget comes out, his office will do their best to make sure charges are handled the best way possible.

Meeting takes recess at 8:31 a.m.

Reconvene at 8:36 a.m.

**Medical Examiner Report:** ME Schoebel reported that his final numbers are up somewhat and he expects to have a final report at a future meeting. He is waiting for the results of several autopsies.

ME Schoebel still hopes to purchase and distribution the Safe Sleep books.

The Medical Examiner will be requesting funds from the Finance Committee for a projected deficit. This was caused by a very busy December and an overage in toxicology reports. He asked for a motion to go forward to Finance Committee with a request for no more than \$20,000.00. The primary area of overage cost is in autopsies. He explained how his office is charged for additional drug tests on samples. Samples go to two out of State Labs, one in Missouri and one in Indiana because of their quick turn-around. The State lab can run up to a year to receive results back and the time is a factor to consider when law enforcement may be waiting for these results.

He informed the Committee that burials are not held up because of pending death certificates.

Schraunagel moved to approve the request to take this deficit to the Finance Committee with a second by Bischoff. No further discussion. Motion carried.

**Deviation from agenda** to discuss upcoming meeting dates. While the next meeting will be March 6, 2015 at 8:00, the April meeting will be moved to April 10, 2015 at 8:00 instead of April 3 because this is a County holiday. The meeting for May which would ordinarily be held on May 1, 2015 will be moved to May 8 at the request of the Chair. There was no objection by the Law Enforcement Committee.

**Sheriff Office Report:** Sheriff Schmidt reported his first month has been going very well.

Scott Smith introduced Steve Frensz, representative from Intrado, Inc. regarding the 911 upgrade.

Chief Deputy Smith explained the resolution for purchase of 6 patrol vehicles from Ewald of Oconomowoc. They are set up to do business for State Fleet Sales. He assured the Committee that vehicles will continue to be brought to local businesses for service. The patrol vehicles will be Ford Utility Police Interceptors with all-wheel drive. The cost is a bit less than vehicles purchased last year and include additional options. All amounts are in line with the budget. The vans to be purchased are Grand Caravan minivans.

Chief Deputy Smith explained the process of switching out the vehicles. His Office will be selling 13 vehicles at auction.

Bischoff moved to support the vehicle purchase resolution with a second by Pollesch. No further discussion. Motion carried.

A representative from Intrado was in attending at this Committee meeting. Intrado had the most attractive proposal, with the ability to use 911 text. The Committee was informed of the equipment that is being proposed. Schraunagel moved that Committee accept the 911 upgrade with a second by Bischoff. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy answered questions by Committee members and informed members that this system will bring caller ID to the system and bring in text to 911 calls. If a phone carrier does not support 911 taxes, the carrier's customers will be advised. Motion carried.

Derr made a moved to approve the budgeted purchase of two portable radios for Dodge County Drug Task Force with a second by Schraufnagel. No discussion. Motion carried.

Scott Smith explained the pricing of ammunition used by the Sheriff Office, that they have a need to practice and how much ammunition is used. This was an item previously approved by Finance Committee at the January meeting.

The Sheriff's Office is seeking authorization to sell or donate surplus or obsolete equipment through means most advantageous to Dodge County.

- A) Derr moved to donate surveying equipment to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (Sgt. Dennis Walton) with a second by Schraufnagel. No discussion. Motion carried.
- B) Derr moved to donate three "Arrow Stick" safety lights to the Dodge County Highway Department for use in their vehicles with a second by Schraufnagel. No discussion. Motion carried.
- C) Bischoff moved to sell one "Arrow Stick" safety light to Waupun Fire Department for \$150 with a second by Pollesch. No discussion. Motion carried.

A Memo was provided with a review of the federal contract. The Detention Facility averaged 240 inmates a day which was over the targeted amount.

Derr moved to transfer \$9000 from Business Unit BU2021 (Patrol) to Business Unit BU2029 (K9 Patrol) with a second by Schraufnagel. No discussion. Motion carried.

Kurt Klomberg explained forfeitures and how the process works. Federal agencies need to be involved immediately with seizures.

Sheriff Schmidt reported that he is working with area municipalities in order to bolster the SWAT team. Both Watertown and Mayville are on board and he is still working with Beaver Dam. This will add 6 new members to the current SWAT team.

The Sheriff also reported on the recent Explorer State Conference in Wisconsin Dells. The Dodge County team did very well bringing back 3 awards. 33 teams participated. The Sheriff is now the vice president of that organization. Chair Miller attended the awards ceremony.

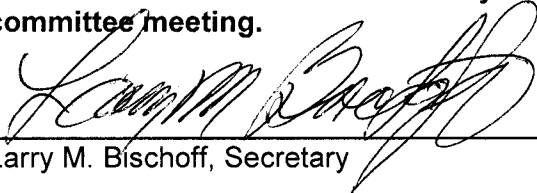
**Other business:** Maryann Miller reported on the WCA Justice and Public Safety Committee meeting. She attended a presentation on evidence based decision making. She felt very prepared because of DA Klomberg's prior report to the Committee.

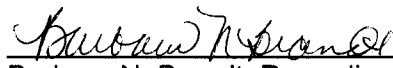
The LE Committee decided to meet prior to the County Board meeting on February 17 in order to discuss the Alcohol Court resolution that was not on the agenda and therefore could not be discussed at this meeting. The purpose of this short meeting would be to transfer the grant funds from Sheriff's Office to Human Services. They will meet at 6:30 in Room 1A.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility

**Adjournment:** Motion by Pollesch to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m..

**Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.**

  
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Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary

  
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Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary